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Proposed claim amendment

1. (proposed amendment) A motion controller having an engineering system and a run time system, and that functionally combines classic tasks of a PLC and of a numerical controller, the motion controller comprising:

a uniform run level model comprising a plurality of run levels of different types ~~having different types~~ having differing priorities, ~~and further~~ the plurality of run levels comprising a plurality of user and system-levels having differing priorities;

a data source for description information for at least one of a the group consisting of system variables, alarms and commands; and

a converter coupled to the data source and to the engineering system and the run time system, the converter generating, based on input received from the data source, parameterization information for the engineering system and the run time system, and transferring the generated parameterization information to the engineering system and the run time system, such that the parameterization information is internally consistent in the motion controller, and wherein the data source provides description information to the engineering system via the converter,

~~the motion controller being further configured to permit a technology packet to be loaded into at least one of the engineering and run time systems, to provide the system variables with current data for a technical process for the run time system, and to permit input to be made via a user interface of the engineering system.~~

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ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

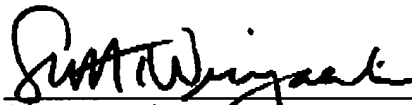
Applicants have informally submitted the foregoing proposed claim for purposes of discussion only, and in order to expedite prosecution of the application. The proposed amendment, submitted without prejudice or disclaimer, does not actually amend the claim or any of its terms, nor does it acquiesce in any way to any of the outstanding claim rejections. Applicants reserve the right to traverse the rejections, to press their existing arguments and to appeal them to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

Applicants also wish to bring to the attention of the Examiner that the priority claim to German application no. 10000626.4, filed on November 23, 2000, a certified copy of which was submitted to the Patent Office on January 22, 2002, has not yet been acknowledged in the most recent official Action, Paper No. 15.

Applicants understand that the Examiner will initiate the call and thank the Examiner in advance for his time.

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